

Delaware Division of the Arts Awards 16 Individual Artist Fellowships

Sixteen Delaware artists are being recognized by the Delaware Division of the Arts for the high quality of their artwork. Work samples from 91 Delaware choreographers, composers, musicians, writers, and visual artists were reviewed by out-of-state arts professionals, considering demonstrated creativity and skill in their art form. The 16 selected fellows reside throughout Delaware, including in Bethel, Dover, Lewes, New Castle, Newark, Rehoboth Beach, and Wilmington.

Awards are given in three categories—\$3,000 for the Emerging Professional Award, \$6,000 for the Established Professional Award, and \$10,000 for the Masters Award. Artist fellows are required to offer at least one exhibit or performance during the upcoming year, providing an opportunity for the public to experience their work.

“Individual Artist Fellowship grants provide the recognition and exposure that artists need to successfully promote their work,” said Delaware Division of the Arts Director Paul Weagraff. “The financial award allows them to pursue advanced training, purchase equipment and materials, or fulfill other needs to advance their careers.”

The Masters Fellowship is open to differing artistic disciplines each year. In Fiscal Year 2015, Masters Fellowship applications were accepted in Dance, Jazz, and Music, from artists who had previously received an Established Professional Fellowship. In addition to exemplifying high artistic quality, Masters Fellowship applicants must also demonstrate their involvement and commitment to the arts in

Delaware.

Kimberly Reighley (Wilmington) has been awarded this year's Masters Fellowship. Reighley plays baroque and modern flute, is co-artistic director of Mélomanie, plays principal flute with the Delaware Symphony Orchestra and OperaDelaware, and has performed with Brandywine Baroque as well as numerous ensembles in Pennsylvania and California.

Listed below are the 16 Delaware Division of the Arts 2015 Individual Artist Fellows and three Honorable Mentions. Contact information for the artists may be obtained from Roxanne Stanulis, the Division's Artist Services Coordinator, at (302) 577-8283 or Roxanne.Stanulis@delaware.gov.

2015 INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWS

Masters Award (\$10,000)

Kimberly Reighley, Wilmington, Music: Solo Recital

Established Professional Award (\$6,000)

Robert M. Bickey, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Sculpture

Gail Braune Comorat, Lewes, Literature: Poetry

Kevin Cope, Newark, Music: Composition

Christopher Nichols, Newark, Music: Solo Recital

Russell Reece, Bethel, Literature: Fiction

Jeffrey Rubin, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Photography

Billie Travalini, Wilmington, Literature: Creative Nonfiction

Lance Winn, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Painting

Emerging Professional Award (\$3,000)

Judy Catterton, Rehoboth Beach, Literature: Creative Nonfiction

Barbara Gray, Wilmington, Literature: Fiction

Tom Newby, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Painting

Britania Redington, Dover, Music: Solo Recital

James Ulry, Dover, Visual Arts: Crafts

Lindsey Warren, Newark, Literature: Poetry

Karoline Wileczek, Newark, Visual Arts: Works on Paper

Honorable Mention

Kevin Bielicki, Wilmington, Visual Arts: Sculpture

Yaprak Soysal, Bear, Visual Arts: Photography

Shannon Connor Winward, Newark, Literature: Fiction

The next deadline for Individual Artist Fellowship applications is August 3, 2015.